

The ACTS Newsletter



April 2026

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm

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Community Holy Week Services

St. Luke's Episcopal

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday, Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest, 10:00 am
Thursday, April 2 Stripping the Altar, 2:00 pm
Friday, April 3 Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm
Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday with Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am

St. James' Episcopal in Cashmere

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday is at 9:00 am

First United Methodist Church

Monday-Saturday Stations of the Cross, self-led
Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday Worship with Living Last Supper and Holy Communion at 7:00
Friday, April 18 Good Friday Worship at 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday (Silent Retreat) 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Sunday, April 20 Easter Worship at 8:00 am and 10:15 am
Easter egg hunt at 11:30 am

Grace Lutheran

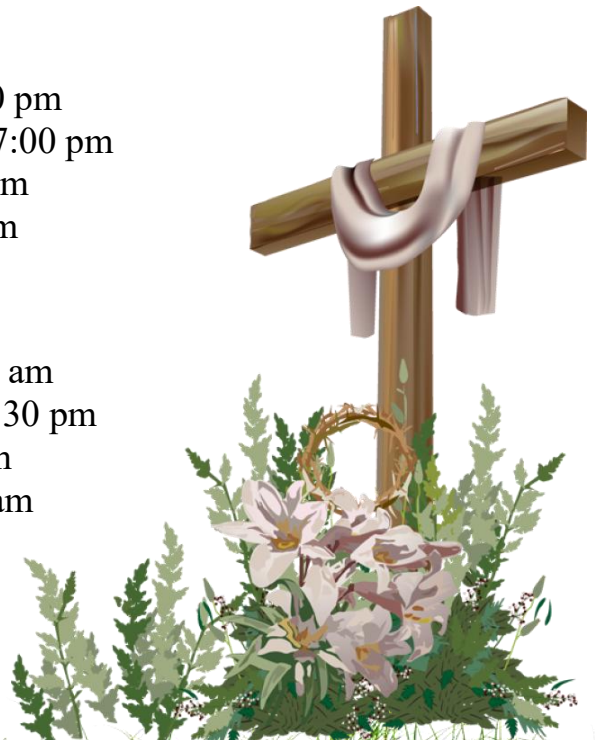
Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday Meal at 6:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 pm
Friday, April 3 Good Friday Worship at 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 4 Easter Vigil Worship at 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 5 Easter Worship at 10:30 am

Celebration Lutheran

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 am
Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 pm
Saturday, April 19 Good Friday Service at 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Easter egg hunt at 11:30 am

Sunnyslope Church

Sunday, April 20 Easter Worship at 10:30 am



Stewardship in Service

Your Vestry

Wayne Hawks, Sr. Warden, Pastoral Care

Anna Caswell

Amy Stubbs

Melanie Thornton

Andrew Tudor

Hollie Olson, Office Support

*For Vestry contact information
please call the church office
at 509 662-5635*

Notes from the Treasurer February, 2025

The following figures are preliminary as they haven't been audited yet.

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$ 8,351	\$15,994
Operating Expenses	\$ 9,986	\$16,934
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,635)	(\$ 940)

Monthly pledge contributions were \$ 400 below budget and Year-To-Date pledge payments were \$1,400 below budget.

Respectfully, G. Wayne Hawks

April Worship Services

April 3, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross

April 5, Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

April 12, The Second Sunday of Easter, Morning Prayer

April 19, The Third Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest

April 26, The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Morning Prayer

*Most worship services are at 10:00 am
Please sign up for Worship Team!*

Easter Worship

April 5 at 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist

with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

*Christ the Lord is
Risen Today!*

Stewardship in Community



April Birthdays

Alexandrea Nessi	April 5
Carli Ludlow	April 15
Vicki O'Connor	April 20
Kelli Scott	April 30

Spring Cleaning

Please join us Saturday, March 28, at 10:00 am for Spring Cleanup Day! We'll spruce up our church and grounds for Easter. Bring your rakes, trowels, shears, and gloves and we'll make our church beautiful!

Monthly Breakfast

St Luke's Monthly Breakfast will be Saturday, April 4, at 9:30 am at the Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!

When is Easter and how is the date determined? Here's why it changes.

Paige Moore, Arizona Republic

March 20, 2026; Updated March 26, 2026, 6:01 am MT

Easter is on Sunday, April 5, 2026.

Most churches use the Gregorian Calendar to calculate Easter while some use the Julian Calendar.

Whether you celebrate Easter or not, many people are familiar with the holiday typically associated with the Easter bunny, candy and the start of spring.

However, the most confusing part about Easter is what day it falls on. The holiday is more unusual than most in that sense, because Easter is never on the same day two years in a row, which can be a little confusing if you are not familiar with its origin.

Many traditions, like the Easter bunny and eggs, are not directly linked to the Bible or its Christian celebrations but are widely accepted as part of the holiday.

To help with any confusion about Easter and its celebrations, here's an explanation of why the date always changes and the origins of its many celebrations.

When is Easter 2026?

This year, Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, April 5.

Why does Easter change every year?

Easter is considered a "movable feast"; it does not correlate with a specific date, but rather with the lunar moon cycle.

America uses the Gregorian Calendar, which says Easter is always the Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon, which is always on or after the spring equinox, which is set on March 21.

The Paschal Full Moon will take place on April 2 this year, meaning Easter Sunday will occur on April 5 this year.

However, the Eastern Orthodox Church calculates Easter a little differently; it uses the Julian Calendar introduced by Julius Caesar. The Julian Calendar

places Easter on April 12 this year. While neither method is considered wrong, Russian and Serbian Orthodox churches typically use the Julian Calendar, while the Gregorian Calendar is internationally recognized.

What does Easter celebrate?

While the holiday has become more mainstream and is often associated with Easter eggs and the Easter bunny, Easter is a religious holiday.

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, three days after his death by crucifixion. Easter is the basis of Christianity and gives Christians hope of salvation and eternal life.

Where did the Easter bunny come from?

Although the Bible makes no mention of the Easter bunny, the character is a widely expected part of most Easter traditions.

It's not entirely clear where this tradition comes from, but it's widely believed that the Easter bunny was brought to America in the 1700's by German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania. These German immigrants brought their folklore tradition of an animal called Osterhase, or Oschter Haws, who lay colorful eggs on Easter for kids who had been good. Children would make baskets for the Osterhase to lay its eggs in.

This tradition eventually evolved to the more common Easter bunny we know today.

Why do we celebrate with Easter eggs?

It's unclear exactly where the tradition originated, but many historians believe it was adopted by the Christian church from pagans. Regardless, eggs have historically been a symbol of new life and beginnings, so it makes sense that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated with eggs. Eggs were also one of the foods that weren't allowed to be eaten during Lent, so digging into a boiled egg at the end of Lent was a treat.



Save the Dates!

St. Luke's Guild, Thursday, April 2, 1:00 pm

Monthly Breakfast, Saturday, April 4, 9:30 am, Country Inn, East Wenatchee

ECW, Sunday, April 12, 11:30 am after worship

Bishop's Committee Meeting, April 16, 4:30

**PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group,
Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 pm at YWCA, snacks provided**

May ACTS Deadline, April 24

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

1 Peter 1:3



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